the number of loan application sanctioned by banks to Self Help Groups were 22331 and number of loan applications sanctioned to individual Swarojgaries were 7887. No loan application was pending with the banks under SGSY in Andhra Pradesh as on 31st March, 2007.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Promotion of marketing of handloom products in M.P.

†1181. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted a proposal of Rs. 907 crores to Government for a special project named Direct Face Incentives Marketing Strategy under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for the promotion of marketing of handloom products in entire Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the amount proposed by Government for it so far; and

(c) the details thereof in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) This Ministry has not received any proposal for Rs. 907 crores so far. However, this Ministry had earlier received a special project under SGSY for Direct Interface Intensive Marketing Strategy in 48 districts of Madhya Pradesh for a total cost of Rs. 907 lakh. The proposal was considered by the Project Screening Committee (PSC) in its meeting held on 14-6-2006. PSC observed that it will be more appropriate that the Rural Development Department of Madhya Pradesh Government first explores the possibility whether the activities proposed in the project can be carried out under SARAS Budget or with the Central funding released for marketing. Accordingly, Government of Madhya Pradesh was informed *vide* our letter No.J-17024/3/2006-SGSY II (SP) dated 29th June, 2006. The response from the State Government in the matter is awaited.

Shortfall in Annapurna Scheme

1182. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned any amount to meet the shortfall for Annapurna scheme especially for Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the role of the State Governments in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) There is no separate allocation of funds under Annapurna. The total combined allocation of funds under the Scheme

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.